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## CHURCH NEWS

### VIRGINIA.

**Union Theological Seminary:** During the past week Hon. William Jennings Bryan delivered the Sprunt Lectures at the Seminary. His general subject was "In His Image." He dealt with many important phases of the subject. He emphasized very strongly the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity and virgin birth of the Saviour, and the atonement for sin made by His death in the place of sinners. He also showed how the great problems of the day in individual and social life, as well as national and international problems could be solved by the principles taught by Jesus, and could be solved in no other way. Mr. Bryan's lectures were clear, sound and strong. It was interesting to see how well a layman could handle some of the subjects which he discussed. Some of them could not have been handled so well by any one but a layman of his ability. He made a profound impression upon the large audiences that heard him each time. The lectures through the week were held in the large auditorium in Schauffler Hall, the new Sunday school building just completed at the Seminary. On last Sunday and the Sunday previous he spoke to very large crowds in the City Auditorium, who listened eagerly to the addresses that were of a more popular character than those delivered at the Seminary. It is the purpose of the Seminary to have these lectures published, and they will be well worth reading by any one who is interested in the discussion of the fundamental principles of religion as applied to modern problems of life. Quite a large number of ministers from different parts of the Church came to Richmond to attend these lectures.

**Richmond:** For twenty-one years the Huguenot Evangelical Society, which is interdenominational, has been aiding the Protestant Church of France in its Home Mission work by supporting a pastor. Since the war there is even greater need for this aid. We appeal not only to those who are of Huguenot descent, but to all who can help in giving France the pure gospel. We are now supporting the Rev. Daniel Monod, an able minister of distinguished Huguenot lineage, working in the war

devastated city of Meubeuge and parts adjacent in Northern France. It was formerly a strong center for Protestant work. General membership in the society is \$1 a year. Sustaining membership, \$5 or \$10 a year. Come to our annual meeting October 28th at 11 A. M., in the lecture-room of First Presbyterian church, or send your membership fee to the treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Halyburton, 1628 Park Avenue, Richmond, Va.

**Second Church:** At the autumn communion in this church, of which Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil is pastor, five members were received on profession of faith and ten by letter.

**Mizpah church** has given a hearty call to its pastorate to Rev. Dr. John D. Keith, pastor of the Westminster U. S. A. church of Washington, D. C. Dr. Keith is a native of Georgia. He has been in the ministry twenty-seven years. He was at one time assistant pastor to Rev. Dr. Mark A. Matthews, in the First church, Seattle, Wash. This church has a membership of 8,000, and is said to be the largest church in this country.

**Granite:** This church, of which Rev. William S. Campbell, D. D., is pastor, last Sunday received five members, being a whole family, by certificate from a church of another denomination. They are a great addition to this little church.

**Blacksburg:** Rev. Locke White has resigned the pastorate of the Blacksburg and Roanoke Valley churches in order that he and Mrs. White may go to China as missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. White will spend the month of November visiting relatives in North Carolina and Virginia. Any mail sent to Halifax, Va., will reach them promptly. Mr. and Mrs. White, with their two children, will sail from San Francisco on the S. S. "China" on December 10th.

**East Hanover Presbytery** will hold an adjourned meeting on October 31st at 10 A. M. in the Presbyterian Publishing House in Richmond.

**Roanoke Presbytery:** Rev. A. Sidney Venable, of McAfee, Ky., has been called by this Presbytery, Synod of Virginia, to be Superintendent and Evangelist. He has just closed a meeting at Hat Creek, and is now in a meeting at Meherrin, and expects to begin a meeting at Madisonville November 6th.

**Broadway and Edom:** These two churches have recently become self-supporting, and so are not receiving any aid from the Home Mission Committee. The manse property, located at Broadway, has just undergone very substantial improvements, the two congregations uniting in this accomplishment. Over \$1,400 expense has been incurred. The building has been slightly enlarged, splendid new floors put in, and the whole house gone over without and within. It is now a very attractive manse property, beautifully and conveniently located. The two congregations supplied our pantry very liberally when we began housekeeping here about the last of September. The Edom congregation is expecting to hold a revival meeting early in November, the pastor to be assisted by Rev. L. H. Eikel, of Williamsville. We hope that our stay in this field will be as profitable to the people as we believe it will be pleasant to us.

K. McCaskill.

**Norfolk:** The First church has called Rev. Dr. J. G. Venable, of Jacksonville, Fla., to its pastorate. It is understood that he will accept the call. Norfolk Presbytery will meet in the Central Y. M. C. A. build-

ing in Norfolk, November 1st, to arrange for his installation.

### ALABAMA.

**Montgomery:** At the communion service in the First church, October 9th, Dr. McCaslin welcomed sixty-three new members into the church. The 19th of this month marked the eighth anniversary of Dr. McCaslin's pastorate in the First church. During this time 1,744 new members have been received into the church, and the membership of the church has increased from 600 to 1,559; the Sunday school has grown from 457 to 1,858 in membership. The large men's class in this Sunday school continues its work and interest. The average attendance at the class all during the summer months has been 798.

**Gadsden:** The Rev. E. C. Scott, pastor of the First church here, has been called to the superintendency of Home Missions for Nashville Presbytery.

**Clio:** Rev. A. H. Atkins, of Georgia, has declined the call recently extended him by the Clio and Pea River churches.

**Birmingham, Vine Street Church:** Rev. J. W. Hickman, for the past six years pastor of this church, has resigned to accept the call to the Second church, Charleston, S. C. During the time Mr. Hickman was the pastor of this church the membership has almost doubled, an indebtedness of eighteen thousand dollars has been eliminated, and the church property improved to the amount of ten thousand dollars. The benevolences of the church have increased from a mere pittance to over four thousand dollars actually given last year. The church also boasts a men's Bible class of one hundred and twenty-five, with an average attendance of seventy-five, the pastor teaching. Mr. Hickman will leave for his new field on November 1st. At the communion service Sunday the pastor announced thirty-five names which had been received the past quarter, seventeen on profession and eighteen by letter.

**Alabama Synodical Auxiliary:** The fourteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Auxiliary of Alabama will be held in the Presbyterian church at Auburn, Ala., November 2, 3 and 4, 1921. The Executive Committee will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The first session will take place Wednesday night. Splendid speakers are on the program, among them Dr. Dunbar Ogden, of Mobile, formerly of Atlanta; President S. Spright Dowell, of Auburn; Mrs. Winsborough, Superintendent of Woman's Work; Rev. S. C. Scott, who will speak on "Stewardship," and Miss Matthews, a trained nurse from Korea, home on her furlough, who gives wonderful stories of her experiences in that far-away land. After her stay in Auburn she will visit Montgomery and other cities. Four young girls who visited Montreat Conference last summer will tell of their wonderful experience. A great treat is in store for all who attend.

Mrs. J. Walter Black,  
Chairman Publicity Committee,  
Thorn Place, Montgomery, Ala.,

### ARKANSAS.

**Synod of Arkansas:** Two changes have been made, the overlooking of which might lead some to be late in reaching the meeting:

(1) The time of the opening session was changed from 7:30 o'clock

P. M. to 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, November 8th

(2) The time of departure from Memphis of train No. 802, on the Frisco, has been changed from 8:10 A. M. to 7:50 A. M. This change became effective October 16th, and may not be published in the Railroad Guide. This is the last train out of Memphis for Blytheville before Synod, and reaches Blytheville at 10:28 A. M., thirty-two minutes before the convening of Synod.

The following trains make close connection with it at Memphis:

(1) "Sunshine Special," Iron Mt. route, arriving at 7:30 A. M.

(2) No. 4, Cotton Belt route, arriving at 6:55 A. M.

(3) No. 44, "Western Mail" Rock Island Road, arriving at 6 A. M.

Those coming by Memphis over Missouri Pacific Railway by Helena and points Southeast should spend Monday night in Memphis or Blytheville.

Those reaching Blytheville by Paragould and over the Cotton Belt should spend Monday night in Paragould.

Those reaching Blytheville by Hoxie and Jonesboro or Hoxie and Turrel should spend Monday night in Hoxie. This route is about ten miles shorter for representatives from Little Rock than by Memphis. The J. L. C. & E. Road from Jonesboro to Blytheville does not sell clergy reduced rates tickets, but it is much nearer than by Turrel.

Brethren, please be on time. If providentially delayed, notify us and you will be met at train. Otherwise, please report at the church.

And be sure to come. Several out-of-State speakers of note are to be present; good programs have been arranged; a unique and attractive feature will be music by the Arkansas College Orchestra; a good time and profitable is in anticipation.

Notify us of your coming.

C. J. Crane,

Chairman Entertainment Committee.  
J. Walter Cobb, Pastor.

### FLORIDA.

**Quincy:** Rally Day was observed on October 9th. Fourteen were added to the church on confession. Seven children were dedicated to God by baptism. The offering for Sunday School Extension and Publication amounted to \$127. The men's Bible class has an enrollment of about 120. On October 19th an Efficiency Conference was held in the Quincy church under the auspices of the officers of the Florida Presbyterial. The program was inspiring and well executed. About fifty women attended.

**Milton:** A new church with two elders and two deacons and thirty members has been organized three miles from Milton. These good people also have a Sunday school with fifty in attendance. In a short while they will have their own house of worship, as they have a mind to work.

### KENTUCKY.

**McAfee:** Rev. A. Sidney Venable, pastor of the churches at McAfee and Salvisa, has been called to be the evangelist of the Synod of Kentucky. He is now engaged for six months to do evangelistic work in the Home Mission churches of Roanoke Presbytery of the Synod of Virginia.

### MISSISSIPPI.

**Forest:** Rev. J. E. McJunkin is the only Presbyterian pastor in Scott county. He lives at Forest (named from the pine forests in the vicinity